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Senator criticizes memorial's move

VETERANS

Korean War ceremony to be held at park on November 10



Haley
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Metro | Ottawa

A ceremony to honour Korean War veterans buried far from home has been moved outside after organizers were told their usual space at city hall was already booked.

Conservative Sen. Yonah Martin, a long-time advocate for Korean War veterans, said the ceremony is often overlooked.

The war itself, despite the loss of 516 Canadian soldiers, is sometimes called the "forgotten war."

"Decades later to be forgotten, it doesn't seem right,

especially when they've been displaced from their usual meeting place," said Martin.

The local Turn Toward Busan ceremony, started by veteran Vincent Courtenay, has taken place at Ottawa City Hall for the past eight years and honours Canadians who are buried in Korea.

The same event takes place simultaneously in the United Nationals Memorial Cemetery in Busan, Korea. All who were lost in the war, including Canadians buried in the cemetery, are remembered.



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This year the event in Ottawa has been relocated to Confederation Park, across

the street, the evening before Remembrance Day, Tuesday at 9 p.m.

Martin said she was disappointed the city didn't choose to reschedule the Order of Ottawa Awards, the event that had already been scheduled for the space despite the ceremony's history.

"Bookings of City facilities by third parties are done on a first come, first served basis," said the mayor's press secretary, Brook Simpson, in an email. He said the city's event was booked April 7.

Martin is asking Ottawa locals to help brighten up what will be an unusually cold and dark ceremony.

"We're going out into the dark of night, but these veterans say they feel closer to their fallen comrades," she said. "The new location is just a heartwarming reason for people to come out and support our veterans and it would mean the world to them."

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THINGS HAPPENING AT OTTAWA CITY HALL

It's going to be a busy week in the council chambers. From barn demolition talks to 2016 budget deliberations, here is what to watch out for at city hall from Nov. 9-13.

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1 Stittsville barn discussions

Should a 19th-century Stittsville barn be torn down and relocated to the touristy Saunders Farm? Or should it stay where it is as a heritage building? The owner of the old Bradley/Craig dairy farmstead has an application to move the building. But city staff say that will have a "serious negative impact" on the barn's character. However, Stittsville Coun. Shad Qadri is backing the owner's plan to relocate the building. The built heritage sub-committee will consider the application on Monday.

2 Budget 2016 deliberations



And so the 2016 budget madness begins. By "madness," we mean long, tedious, line-by-line council and committee discussions about how and where the city should cut and spend. The fun starts on Thursday, with the tabling of the draft budget in council (normally council meetings are on Wednesdays, but Remembrance Day falls mid-week). Then there will be several committee meetings on the budgets before council votes on the final product Dec. 9.

3 Fighting tooth decay

The Wabano Centre is set to get five new full-time-equivalent staffers for its dental clinic. It's part of the city's new dental program, which targets those who typically lack insurance, such as youth, low-income earners and aboriginals. According to a city report, more people have been visiting hospital emergency rooms with tooth problems — stemming from fixable issues such as cavities and gingivitis. A dental update will be before the board of health Monday evening.



4 Staff to contest parkette plan

Ottawa Community Housing wants to demolish one of its residences in Lowertown and replace it with a "parkette" — a small park area with pergolas, low walls, benches and landscaping. But city staff are recommending councillors reject the plan because the building at 171 Bruyere St. has heritage status (parts of the foundation date back to the 1880s). The heritage sub-committee will decide the next step on Monday.

5 Strategy to combat STIs

Sexually transmitted infections (STIs) are on the rise in Ottawa — and so is demand for services. A city report says sexual-health clinics had to turn away 1,400 people last year compared to just 50 in 2011. Ottawa Public Health is looking for new ways to cope with the demand, including targeting priority groups prone to STIs such as young people, men who have sex with men and injection drug users. The city's board of health will look into the sexual-health strategy on Monday evening.



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'He never had to face the charges'

SEXUAL ASSAULT

Officer retires before hearing on handling of woman's case



Joe Lofaro
Metro | Ottawa

An Ottawa woman says the justice system failed her when a police officer in the Partner Assault Unit retired before he could face a disciplinary hearing over the way he purportedly handled her domestic sexual-assault case.

On Aug. 27, the Ottawa Police Service served Const. Raymond Lamarre with a notice requiring him to attend a disciplinary hearing to face one count each of deceit, neglect of duty and insubordination under the Police Services Act, according to documents obtained by Metro.

But the next day, the documents show, Lamarre submitted a notice of retirement — effective Sept. 1.

"As a result of his retirement, he is no longer subject to the Police Services Act and therefore the charges will not proceed before a hearing officer," reads a letter from the Ottawa Police Professional Standards Section.

With the hearing not having taken place, the allegations against Lamarre were not proven.

The letter, dated Sept. 2, was addressed to the female complainant.

She is now sounding the alarm on her case at a time when the Ottawa Police Service is under greater scrutiny for how it investigates sexual assaults.

She spoke to Metro on the condition that her name would not be published.



Ottawa police Const. Raymond Lamarre retired from the force before a hearing into allegations of neglect of duty and insubordination could take place. YOUTUBE

"He never had to face the charges," the woman said in an interview. "That doesn't sound very much like justice to me."

Lamarre was supposed to face one count of insubordination over "inadequate" note taking, as he allegedly failed to keep track of names, dates of birth, telephone numbers and other information, according to a July 3 investigative report by the Professional Standards Section.

The report stated that in the four pages of investigative notes submitted by Lamarre, only 12 lines were dedicated to the investigation. "This is entirely contrary to the OPS policy on note taking," it said.

The constable was also facing a charge of neglect of duty for not informing her of his decision to refer the case to the Crown attorney's

office as indicated and for not advising her the criminal case was closed due to lack of sufficient evidence.

Lastly, the Professional Standards Section found there was also sufficient evidence to substantiate the allegation of deceit under the Police Services Act. The investigative body alleged he entered false information into the police records management system to indicate he attempted to contact her by phone but was unsuccessful.

He maintained he tried to call the complainant twice; however, according to the investigative report, he "has no

notes or phone logs to support these attempts."

The Office of the Independent Police Review Director, an independent body that investigates complaints about police conduct, ordered the Professional Standards Section to review the case.

The woman filed a complaint with the independent police review director's office after she went to police on July 27, 2014 to report an alleged historical sexual assault involving her husband at the time.

She alleges her now ex-husband sexually assaulted her while she was asleep after she

took prescription medication that made her drowsy.

"I said 'no' multiple times when I was awake. Over a long period of time, I said 'no' in multiple ways, including in writing, like, 'Never ever do this while I'm asleep and drugged,'" she told Metro.

"It went on for many, many years until I got to a point where I left him."

Metro was unable to reach Lamarre on Sunday.

This case comes on the heels of Ottawa police publicly admitting the Sexual Assault and Child Abuse section did not explore "all investigative avenues" before closing the case on a sexual assault reported on Sept. 26 by University of Ottawa student Mélodie Morin.

"A second level review of the matter by a (Sexual Assault and Child Abuse section) supervisor determined that the

+ BACKGROUND

In an interview with Metro before either this woman's case or Morin's case came to light, Staff Sgt. Jamie Dunlop, head of the Partner Assault Unit, said that police need to do a better job at explaining the investigative process to sexual-assault victims — especially when it comes to closing their cases.

"We need to do a better job at making sure we're giving clear reasons but also that it was clearly listened to and heard," he said.

"When you're talking to someone who has gone through certain events, they've got so much on their minds, and by simply saying to them 'I'm not laying charges' might set them a different way already."

conclusions of the investigator may have been premature," police wrote in an email statement on Friday.

The investigation into her complaint remains open.

The woman at the centre of the professional standards investigation involving Lamarre is also a member of the Ottawa-based Sexual Assault Support Centre, a group of about 30 staff and volunteers who offer support for sexual-assault victims.

In her capacity as a member of the Sexual Assault Support Centre, the woman said Ottawa police need better training to handle sexual-assault complaints.

"This is a big problem. Just saying you've improved things isn't going to be enough," she said. "Places like our centre should actually be going in and training police."



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HUMOUR

Questions you might see on the new Liberal census



Chris Lackner
For Metro | Ottawa

The mandatory long-form census was quashed by the Conservatives in 2010 — much to the dismay of more-or-less everyone in the country with a pulse. Under its Liberal revival, here are some new questions Canadians could face in 2016:

What languages are spoken in your household?

- a. French
- b. English
- c. French, English and “Real Change”
- d. French, English and “audible gasps whenever we see an image of the prime minister”

How many people in your home think our former prime minister looked a lot like Grumpy Cat?

- a. 1-2
- b. 3-5
- c. Zero. His piercing blue eyes made him look more like a White Walker from Game of Thrones

How would your household describe the Liberal cabinet’s united, sunny stroll before their swearing-in ceremony?

- a. Adorable
- b. They looked like a superhero team. Justice League of Canada, anyone? Anyone?
- c. A photo from that magical day is my screen saver

Which of the below best describes your household’s indoor plants?

- a. We don’t have any
- b. They typically have five leaves and we hide them in the basement
- c. Mainly cactuses. But sometimes, when we’re squinty-eyed and listening to Roll Another Number (For the Road) by Neil Young, we like to stare at them and pretend we’re in Mexico
- d. Mainly orchids, just as lush, beautiful and diverse as our federal cabinet

What statement does your household most identify with?

- a. We are middle class, and our kids’ favourite bedtime story is Robin Hood.
- b. We voted for “the red team.” So when do we get our tax break, and how much infrastructure money is going to get shoveled into our riding?
- c. We don’t understand

how the guy with the “Just Not Ready” resume is now in charge of the country.

Is there gender parity in your household, just like in our new “super-wicked-awesome-cool” federal cabinet? And did you see how radiantly their ever-present smiles shone when they were sworn in on TV?

- a. Yes, “because it’s 2015.” And I was temporarily blinded
- b. No. No, I still spend most of my days searching the dial for the Sun News Network. Do you know what channel it’s on now?

Would anyone in your household ever consider calling a “barbaric cultural practices” hotline?

- a. No
- b. Does listening to Nickel-back count?
- c. Yes, but my name is Chris Alexander and I used to be immigration minister

How does your household feel about answering these questions?

- a. Great. We enjoy living in a country driven by fact-based decision making
- b. Unsure
- c. They’re invasive. I want my privacy back! Can you bring back the prime minister with the White Walker eyes?



Innovation, Science and Economic Development Minister Navdeep Bains holds up a copy of the long-form census in the foyer of the House of Commons on Nov. 5. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

A match made in heaving



Trevor Greenway
Metro | Ottawa

Jenny Tuite never knew that a shoe full of vomit would eventually pave the way for her experimental garage-rock band Dirty Dishes to stomp onto the scene with poise.

But that’s what came out of a drunken, messy night at a friend’s house almost five years ago, when synthesizing virtuoso Alex Molini could no longer handle what was in his cup. He couldn’t make it to the bathroom, only the boot room.

“We were all hanging out, partying, and this drunk dude puked on my shoes,” says Tuite, bursting into nostalgic laughter.

“But later, he said, ‘Oh my god, I’m so sorry.’ And we ended up talking, and I found out he played the synth — and it was cool, because I wanted to experiment with that type of sound.”

The match was too synergistic to ignore. The pair found common interest in listening

to Radiohead and other experimental and atmospheric bands and jamming into a spiralling oblivion until they landed somewhere comprehensible.

“It’s funny, because neither of us are crazy partiers at all; we like to just chill out.”

It’s a good thing the pair didn’t decide on some downtime that fateful night five years ago, or Molini, from Omaha, Neb., may not have gotten sick in the kicks of D.C. native Tuite — and Dirty Dishes may have never been formed.

We should all be glad for alcohol, for this alone.

It doesn’t take long for listeners to be sucked into the band’s raw, tousled tone. Their debut full-length studio record Guilty is like hanging out with ‘90s band Garbage with a strung-out Trent Reznor showing up to chart the band’s chaotic course.

Tuite’s haunting vocals spiral down and out before cascading back up again for what feels like a sonic cruise on the tongues of Beth Gibbons, PJ Harvey and a poisoned Shir-



I have never been into a band recording an album and then playing it exactly note-for-note every single night.

Jenny Tuite

ley Manson.

The music is purely beautiful, crafted at the hands of two clearly passionate New York-based players, duking it out in the depths of the Big Apple with everyone trying to take a bite at the same time.

But these cats deserve the whole pie.

Dirty Dishes have been developing their sound as they go, making leaps and colossal capers from where pioneers Portishead and Massive Attack let things rest. The sound is caught directly in the middle of the sweet and sinister, leaving you slightly afraid to hear more but way too curious to stay out of their exploratory aural cyclone. Molini’s atmospheric synth patterns are what drive the sound to its cavernous depths, and he borrows any willing ear for a twisting

trip down his tympanic tunnel.

And you never know what to expect from bands like this. Tuesday’s House of Targ show will be a treat bag of sonic surprises surrounded by an army of singing pinball machines and likely a raucous, hungry crowd willing to fall victim to the many experiments planned by the band.

“I have never been into a band recording an album and then playing it exactly note-for-note every single night. That, to me, seems boring for the band and the audience,” adds Tuite. “I like bands that you don’t really know what you are going to get live.”

You can definitely count on getting lost in the band’s looping labyrinth if you’re brave enough to follow them into the woods at House of Targ. Show starts at 10 p.m. on Tuesday.



Dirty Dishes plays House of Targ on Tuesday. CONTRIBUTED



You can join the party, as Katie Moore and her buddies play the Black Sheep Inn in Wakefield Nov. 21. CAROLINE DESILETS/FOR METRO

‘Bunch of friends’ make album

MUSIC

Katie Moore calls on buds like Feist and Socalled



Trevor Greenway
For Metro | Ottawa

Katie Moore's new record *Fooled by the Fun* may be a singer-songwriter venture in principle, but she's first to admit

the ideas that float through the stellar album aren't hers alone.

Moore has spent the last few years collaborating on projects with the likes of Montreal rapper Socalled, Feist, Patrick Watson and Plants and Animals, so it's only fitting she brings some of them into her brain for a little soulful, country fun.

"I feel pretty lucky that I have people I can trust, because it's all about trusting when you are doing something creative that you are making yourself," says Moore, who's playing the Black Sheep Inn on Nov. 21.

"I am pretty open to suggestions. When we go into the studio everyone comes up with their own part, so everyone is a collaborator because they are writing their own contribution to the song."

And that is very clear on *Fooled by the Fun*. The album

features some of Montreal's finest toothed musicians, including Mike O'Brien of Sin and Swoon, Silver Mountain Zion's Dave Payant and Jessica Moss, Warren Spicer of Plants and Animals and, of course, Socalled on piano.

"Of course, you have got to

have him, he's crazy," chuckles Moore. "Crazy good, I mean."

Fooled by the Fun is Katie Moore at her best — the same Katie Moore that can move a room to tears with just a few notes; the Katie Moore who stabs your heart with her haunting, but beautiful vocals — piercing enough to jar you out of your seat, but sweet enough for you to beg for more.

Moore's third studio album has a homey feel, no surprise given that half of it was laid down in Moore's parents' basement in Hudson, Que. Most of

it was recorded live, giving it a soulful, authentic sound that is too sweet to turn off.

While it isn't exactly a departure from her previous work, *Fooled by the Fun* is a bit more lively, infused with bits of funk and enough country soul to thwart a Kanye West awards show hijacking, if needed.

"I like the vibe on it," adds Moore. "It was a bunch of friends making music together."

A few of those friends will help her take over the Sheep Inn Nov. 21, including the one and only Socalled.

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Katie Moore

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1 People enjoy board games, music beats and brews at a recent Beats and Boards night.

2 The scene buzzes at a recent Beats and Boards gathering.

3 Board games star at Beats and Boards.

4 The Raw Sugar Café has hosted Beats and Boards for three years.

BRYSON MASSE/FOR METRO PHOTOS

Beats and Boards in end game

EVENT

Popular mix of music, booze and play wraps up

Bryson Masse
For Metro | Ottawa

Every Tuesday for the last three years, a popular community music and board game night has been held at Raw Sugar Café on Somerset Street.

Robert Parungao and Paul Skorupski started Beats and Boards together and they're



seeing it to the end as its weekly events are coming to a close.

Ottawa DJs, about 50 tabletop games from Parungao's personal collection and his match-making ability were combined to overcome the initial challenges of playing board games

with people you've just met.

"As people come in, I'll sit them at a table, add other people to the table and say 'You guys should be friends, play this game,' said Parungao. 'I play that social lubricant.'"

The connections Parungao

GRAND FINALE

Date of last event set

The final Beats and Boards at Raw Sugar Café will be held Nov. 10 and founders Robert Parungao and Paul Skorupski hope to host a final special event to wrap up their run at the locale.

and Skorupski have fostered through great tunes and the sometimes complicated rules of board games have created some long-lasting relationships.

"We've had four couples emerge, one of which is getting married," said Parungao.

The venue was a huge part of what made Beats and Boards feel special.

"Mismatched furniture with low-level, ground-up lighting. It felt like playing a board game at the cottage. Which is the vibe we were going for," said Parungao.



As well as encouraging the submission of small playlists so they could share new tracks with their friends, the DJs at Beats and Boards would offer people interested in spinning tunes a chance to do just that.

With some simple instructions, anyone could give DJing a try in front of a low-key audience.

Throughout the years, the organizers of Beats and Boards have also held fundraisers and helped put on different events, such as the Museum of Nature's Nature Nocturne.

Reactions to the end of Beats and Boards, announced on Facebook, invoked the bonds and friendships that were created over the shared love of music, beer and board games.

"I'm really proud of this model," said Parungao. "So many friendships emerged from this. So many people texted me, messaged me on Facebook saying this is such a fantastic thing for Ottawa."

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A family celebrates Canada Day at Parliament Hill this year.

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Canada Day on the move

PARLIAMENT HILL

Organizers seek another venue for 2018 gala in capital

Federal officials are on the hunt for a new location for the country's marquee Canada Day party.

A select group of companies was invited to bid on the project to find a new location near Parliament Hill for the federally organized Canada Day bash once the Centre Block is closed in 2018 for a host of badly needed repairs.

During that time, Parliament Hill won't be able to host the annual July 1 party that attracts thousands to Ottawa's core.

Government bid documents show the project to find a new party spot is budgeted to cost \$30,000, with a final report to Canadian Heritage officials due in January. The government

says "time is of the essence" to find a new home for the gala.

The bid documents say the new site should be "optimal for the public experience" for "Canada Day celebrations and for future anniversaries." It should also lie between two bridges that connect Ottawa and Gatineau, Que. — the Alexandra Bridge to the east, and the Chaudiere crossing in the west, so the party won't be moving too far and will likely remain along the Ottawa River.

Finding a new home for the Canada Day event — and possibly carnivals held in and around Ottawa's downtown core during the depths of winter — will also mean looking for a new launching site for the evening fireworks display.

Nepean Point, a green space along the Ottawa River just east of Parliament Hill, is the usual launch point, but is undergoing its own work around the same time as the Centre Block, making it a no-go for fireworks and forcing a move. THE CANADIAN PRESS

ACCESS

Costly data fee triggers probe for police



Ontario's information commissioner is investigating the hefty fee the Ottawa Police Service wants for its cyclist collision data.

In July, Metro made a request under the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act for "all records

related to collisions between motor vehicles and cyclists in the city from January 2014 to July 27, 2015."

Metro also asked for "the location of the collisions, the time and date of the collisions, any information that describes what happened, and whether any charges were laid."

One of the Ottawa Police Service's freedom-of-information analysts told Metro this sum-

mer that the force would have to write a "program" to extract the data from its records.

Metro later spoke with Glenn Richardson, the police's manager of business solutions support, who said he would try to see if there was a less costly way of extracting the data.

Apparently, there isn't.

The Ottawa Police Service told Metro the information would cost \$6,300 — with a deposit of

\$3,150 before they would even go ahead with the request.

That's based on an estimate of 105 hours of "computer programming" at a cost of \$60 an hour.

Metro filed an appeal with the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario, which says it will try to resolve the complaint through mediation.

If that approach fails, however, the commissioner could hold an inquiry.

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CRIME

Two charged with assault

Two suspects have been arrested in connection with a violent attack last month in the east end of Ottawa.

Ahmed Jama, 18, and Hashem Khraibah, 19, both of Ottawa, were arrested Friday.

Both have been charged with assault with a weapon and possession of dangerous weapons. Jama was also

charged with attempted murder and aggravated assault.

Two unnamed male victims, 16 and 17, were transported to hospital. One was released and the other is in stable condition.

Anyone with information is asked to call Ottawa Police at (613) 236-1222, ext. 3566.

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Minister of Environment and Climate Change Catherine McKenna is in Paris to help lay the groundwork for this month's important conference, which will aim to reach a binding agreement on reducing greenhouse gases. JUSTIN TANG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada taking part in key climate change talks

PARIS

McKenna to meet with host of leaders to discuss issues

Canada's new environment minister is in Paris taking part in talks with counterparts from a host of countries to lay the groundwork for this month's global climate change summit.

Catherine McKenna and her fellow ministers are spending

the next three days looking for common ground on key issues in advance of the summit that begins Nov. 30.

She'll also have a number of one-on-one meetings, including with French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius.

"Canada agrees the science is indisputable, and we recognize the need for urgent/greater action that is grounded in robust science," McKenna posted to Twitter on Sunday.

"Our main goal is to make sure that all human beings can fulfil a healthy, safe, sus-



Our main goal is to make sure that all human beings can fulfil a healthy, safe, sustainable life.

Environment Minister
Catherine McKenna

tainable life."

Some 80 leaders will be gathering in the French capital to try to reach a binding agreement on reducing

greenhouse gases.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau is expected to be joined there by most of the premiers and at least some of the Opposition party leaders.

The Liberals did not set a target for emissions reductions in their election platform, saying only they would set them informed by economic and scientific analysis.

Trudeau has also committed to calling a First Ministers meeting within 90 days of the conference to set a framework for combatting climate change. THE CANADIAN PRESS

AUCTION

When bargains and bureaucracy collide

An airplane formerly belonging to ORNGE, Ontario's air ambulance system, and thousands of decommissioned law enforcement vehicles were among the items sold by Canada's Crown asset surplus site over the past year, an analysis of auction sales data shows.

According to the GCSurplus website, roughly 20,000 items were sold between August 2014 and August 2015.

The highest ticket item sold in that period was a 2010 Pilatus PC-12 aircraft that went for \$3.12 million in July. The plane, which featured a custom medevac interior, was originally purchased along with nine other aircraft in 2008 at a cost of \$4.56 million US per aircraft.

The PC-12 was purchased by Kudlik Aviation, a Quebec City-based company whose corporate affiliate, Kudlik Construction, has numerous building contracts in Nunavut. Jean Labrecque, the director of flight operations for Kudlik Aviation, says the plane was first stripped of its medevac interior in order to accommodate more passengers.

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Police cars a hot item on government auction site

Over the past year, GC-Surplus has offloaded roughly 4,200 cars and light trucks in working condition — about a third of which were ex-law enforcement vehicles.

Their prevalence is likely due in part to law enforcement agencies updating their existing fleets. However, law enforcement's loss could be your gain, provided you're willing to put up with a few dents and less than luxurious interiors. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Service investigation revealed serious problems at ORNGE — financial and safety related — the agency has been steadily divesting itself of unnecessary vehicles purchased under the governance of ex-CEO Chris Mazza, whose tenure is being looked at in an ongoing RCMP investigation. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



Marko Lipovsek purchased his 2008 Ford Crown Victoria from an outdoor auction in the Hamilton area two years ago. TODD KOROL/TORONTO NEWS SERVICE

CORRECTIONAL SERVICE

Prison watchdog seeks reform

The country's prison watchdog wants the new Liberal government to act on outstanding recommendations from his office, including a call to create a deputy commissioner of aboriginal corrections.

Howard Sapers, the correctional investigator, said outcomes for indigenous inmates continue to be far worse than for other offenders.

Sapers said issues facing aboriginal inmates, including more time spent in custody and segregation cells, are urgent enough that they require stand-alone

24%

Percentage of Canada's prison population represented by indigenous inmates.

He also said the government should address aboriginal-specific provisions in the Corrections and Conditional Release Act designed to enhance community involvement in corrections and address the over-representation of aboriginals behind bars.

"We reported that the will of Parliament has not been fully reflected in how the Correctional Service of Canada has conducted itself over the last 20 years," he said. "In fact, not enough attention has been paid to implementing those sections."

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leadership within the Correctional Service of Canada.

"On just about every measure we look at, there are huge gaps and we believe it's time that somebody was accountable to address those gaps," Sapers said.

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GERMANY

Surprise proposal ignites squabbles

Senior members of German Chancellor Angela Merkel's coalition sent conflicting signals on Sunday over a shelved initiative by the interior minister to give many Syrians restricted asylum, setting off a new round of government squabbling.

Interior Minister Thomas de Maiziere appeared to surprise the coalition when he said Friday that many Syrians should get "subsidiary protection," which comes with only a one-year renewable residence permit and wouldn't allow them to bring relatives to Germany for two years. Amid criticism, he shelved the idea hours later.

Merkel's chief of staff, Peter Altmaier, made clear he wasn't informed that the initiative had been launched.

It remains unclear why the

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Discussion 'settled'

The minister's announcement came only a day after Merkel's coalition ended a damaging, weeks-long argument over how to speed up processing of migrants with poor asylum prospects.

Altmaier called it "a discussion the day before yesterday ... that is now settled."

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conservative de Maiziere's ministry made an apparent solo decision which angered members of Vice Chancellor Sigmar Gabriel's centre-left Social Democrats.

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NIELSEN

Trump's SNL episode draws decent ratings

Donald Trump wasn't far into his opening Saturday Night Live monologue before an heckler interrupted with "You're a racist!"

But the "heckler" was comedian Larry David, who before Trump arrived onstage had been seen impersonating Democratic presidential hopeful Bernie Sanders.

"Larry, what are you doing?" Trump asked.

"I heard if I yelled that, they'd give me \$5,000," said David with a shrug, echoing an offer made publicly by Deport Racism, a

group protesting Trump's appearance. The group said David would receive the \$5,000 bounty, regardless of whether or not his comments were a joke.

Only hours after the broadcast, Trump was back on television, saying his performance was "very well received and probably got very good ratings, who knows."

Very good, but not spectacular. Preliminary Nielsen ratings measuring households in 56 U.S. markets gave Saturday's "SNL" its highest rating only since January 2012. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



People rally against Republican presidential candidate

Donald Trump outside NBC studios Saturday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Two derailments in as many days in Wisconsin

A Canadian Pacific Railway train carrying crude oil derailed Sunday in Wisconsin.

The eastbound CP train derailed at about 2 p.m. in Watertown in the southeastern part of the state. The railroad said at least 10 cars derailed, and some were leaking. No fires or injuries were reported.

CP was sending teams to the site, and said it takes the incident extremely seriously.

On Saturday, a freight train derailed near Alma in western Wisconsin, spilling thousands of gallons of ethanol.

BNSF Railway said crews continued Sunday to transfer ethanol from the derailed cars and putting them back on the tracks.

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MYANMAR WAITS FOR ELECTION RESULTS

Supporters of Myanmar opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi's party cheer as they watch polling station counts on a giant screen outside the party headquarters in Yangon on Sunday. **For the latest on the election, visit metronews.ca.**

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Authorities dismiss security concerns

EGYPT

Tourist exodus ongoing as first Russian inspectors sent

International passengers departing Egypt's Red Sea resort of Sharm el-Sheikh continued lining up for flights Sunday as the first of three Russian inspection teams was dispatched there to examine airport security after the Oct. 31 airline disaster.

The Russian flight's crash in the Sinai Peninsula that killed all 224 people on board continues to generate fallout, after the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) claimed responsibility for its downing and U.S. and British officials say intelligence shows it was likely brought down by a bomb on board. Britain and several airlines have stopped normally scheduled flights to the resort, while Russia has suspended all flights to Egypt.

British Foreign Secretary Philip Hammond told the BBC on Sunday if the bomb is confirmed,

it will require a potential rethink of airport security in areas where the extremist group is active.

Russian Deputy Prime Minister Arkady Dvorkovich did not give details on what specific security issues the inspections teams would be examining, but said 11,000 Russians were flown home from Egypt on Saturday and an even larger number were expected to leave Sunday, according to Russian news agencies.

Security officials at the Sharm el-Sheikh airport have told The Associated Press that the facility has long had gaps in security.

11,000

The number of Russians flown home from Egypt on Saturday. More were returning home Sunday.

A spokesman for Egypt's Aviation Ministry, Mohamed Rahma, dismissed the concerns, saying "Sharm el-Sheikh is one of the safest airports in the world," without elaborating.

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EUROPE

Romanians protest for accountability

A nightclub fire in Bucharest that killed at least 45 people became the tipping point for many Romanians who have long been frustrated with corruption among leaders. But as the government resigned amid street protests this week, many remained skeptical that the leaderless street movement will succeed.

The protests continued even after Prime Minister Victor Ponta resigned on Wednesday, underlining deep social dissatisfaction with an often corrupt political order that has ruled the country since the transition from com-

munist dictatorship to democracy a quarter century ago.

Political analyst Cristian Parvulescu said the nightclub fire proved to be "the last straw" because of a widespread feeling "that any of us could have been there."

"People feel the need for change, for new faces. We have had the same faces for 25 years and this has led to this revolt as

there is a real lack of competition," said Parvulescu, who is the dean of the National School of



People feel the need for change, for new faces.

Christian Parvulescu, Romanian political analyst

Political Studies and Public Administration in Bucharest.

Hard-charging anti-corruption prosecutors led by Laura Codruta Kovesi have stepped up an anti-corruption

drive in the past couple of years, securing a record 1,051 convictions in 2014, up from

743 the year before. More are expected this year. Among those convicted since January 2014 are a former prime minister, seven former ministers, a former deputy prime minister, four lawmakers, one European Parliament lawmaker, 39 mayors, 25 magistrates and two business tycoons.

All the major parties in Romania's Parliament have been touched by the corruption probes and convictions, leading to a belief that politicians enter politics to enrich themselves.

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100M facing stark poverty, report says

WORLD BANK

Poor will bear brunt of climate change impact: Report

Climate change could push more than 100 million people into extreme poverty by 2030 by disrupting agriculture and fueling the spread of malaria and other diseases, the World Bank said in a report Sunday.

Released just weeks ahead of a UN climate summit in Paris, the report highlighted how the impact of global warming is borne unevenly, with the world's poor woefully unprepared to deal with climate shocks such as rising seas or severe droughts.

"They have fewer resources and receive less support from family, community, the financial system," the Washing-

ton-based World Bank said.

How to help poor countries — and poor communities within countries — deal with climate change is one of the crunch issues in talks on a global climate accord that's supposed to be adopted next month in Paris.

Efforts to protect the poor, such as generally improving access to health care and social safety nets, and targeted measures to upgrade flood defences and deploy more heat-tolerant crops could prevent most of the negative consequences of climate change on poverty, the bank said. It referred to studies showing climate change could result in global crop yield losses as large as 5 per cent by 2030 and 30 per cent by 2080.

Stephane Hallegatte, one of the authors, said the "hot spots" for climate impacts on poor people were sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia.

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Chinese workers at a building site in Democratic Republic of Congo. Sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia are the "hot spots" for climate impacts on poor people. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

Migrant labourers protest in Dubai

Hundreds of migrant labourers staged a rare protest near the airport hosting the opening day of the biennial Dubai Airshow on Sunday to demand higher wages.

Journalists saw the workers gathering and shouting along a road leading to Al Maktoum International at Dubai World Central, the Gulf city's second airport. Police arrived on the scene soon after the demonstration began and eventually dispersed the crowd.

Workers said they were protesting inadequate pay, though none agreed to give

their names for fear of retribution.

The Dubai government media office said representatives from the Permanent Committee of Labor Affairs intervened to resolve the dispute. Its investigation found that the workers' demands fell outside of their contractual terms.

The United Arab Emirates, of which Dubai is part, and other Gulf Arab nations have come under increasing scrutiny from human rights and labour activists over their treatment of low-paid migrant workers.

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IN BRIEF

AirBaltic first to operate Bombardier CS300

Latvian carrier airBaltic will be the first client to operate the CS300 aircraft when it takes delivery in the latter part of 2016, Bombardier announced Sunday. The airline has 13 firm orders for the CS300 and retains options for seven others, Bombardier said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

U.S. gas prices stop falling

The average price of gasoline rose a penny over the past two weeks, to \$2.25 US a gallon. Industry analyst Trilby Lundberg said the slight increase comes after prices previously fell 63 cents over 19 weeks. The end of the price decline comes as crude costs rose. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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JOHN HONDERICH

No one can dispute the tradition of an individual publisher or owner calling the election shots for their local paper. But to dictate the choice across an entire chain — and nation — is an entirely different tale.



Never before in a federal election, in my memory, have newspaper endorsements become so controversial.

Topping the list unquestionably was Postmedia CEO Paul Godfrey's dramatic order to all 16 major Postmedia papers across Canada to support Stephen Harper.

Each paper was allowed to write its own editorial, but the conclusion was pre-ordained.

"Since God made babies, I think (endorsement editorials) were always made that way," longtime Conservative Godfrey explained later, reacting to the uproar. "If anyone thinks otherwise, I think they were dreaming in Technicolor."

Really, Mr. Godfrey?

You might want to examine the policies of other newspaper chains that tell an entirely different bedtime story of the so-called "proprietor's prerogative."

No one can dispute the tradition of an individual publisher or owner calling the election shots for their local paper. Godfrey did that regularly when he was publisher of the Toronto Sun.

Even more worrisome is the negative impact this affair is having on the newspaper industry in general. At a time when the relevance and impact of newspapers are under attack, this doesn't help.

But to dictate the choice across an entire chain — and nation. That is an entirely different tale.

Consider the previous owners of Postmedia papers, the venerable Southam family.

essential informing part of the democratic process and their first responsibility must be to the local readers they serve.

The old Thomson chain in Canada, owned by the richest family in the land, had a

declared that editorial independence has always been the official policy of the Torstar newspaper group.

While the proprietors and publisher of the Toronto Star are involved in the Star's election endorsements, the Hamilton Spectator, Waterloo Record and all 125 of Torstar's community papers can decide for themselves.

So in the 2011 federal election, The Star supported Jack Layton's NDP, while virtually all other Torstar papers endorsed Stephen Harper. In 2015, all the dailies came out for the Liberals under Justin Trudeau.

These aren't dreams. They are black and white realities reflecting a long-held common tradition among North America's major newspaper groups.

Mr. Godfrey, soon to be installed in the Canadian News Hall of Fame for his contribution to Canadian journalism, clearly has a different perspective.

Yet, the firestorm of criticism on social media, the rumours of discontent in Postmedia newsrooms and even a damning story in Britain's Guardian newspaper all reflect a pervasive discontent.

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Ultimately, though, it is readers who matter most. And surely those in Postmedia communities deserved far, far better.

John Honderich is a former publisher of the Toronto Star. He is chair of Torstar's board of directors.



Postmedia, which owns the Ottawa Citizen, the National Post and the Sun chain of papers, ordered its major publications to endorse the Conservative Party in last month's federal election. JUSTIN TANG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

It went to great lengths to emphasize individual publishers in each city were responsible for all editorial content, including election endorsements. "It was even in my letter of engagement," remembers veteran Southam publisher Clark Davey.

"It said what appeared in the (Vancouver) Sun rested on my conscience."

The reason, of course, was self-evident. What was important or relevant to readers in Vancouver might not be so in Montreal, Ottawa or Windsor.

Owning a newspaper, in my view, is a privilege, not a right. Nor is it the same as owning a pizzeria or car wash. Newspapers are an

similar practice of non-interference in local editorial issues.

South of the border a similar tradition has existed for decades. In the last presidential election, America was a patchwork quilt of competing newspaper endorsements.

The huge Gannett chain states that "Diversity is strength. By encouraging and expressing a mix of opinions, backgrounds, stories and ideas, Gannett improves results."

An executive for the large Knight-Ridder chain put it more pithily. "We bought them (newspapers). But we don't own them."

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Steve Collins



more succinct finger gestures in response.

A streetcar driver lays on his horn at an SUV that's caught partway through an intersection, its rear end hanging out on the tracks. A cyclist's curses follow a motorist who apparently f'n cut him off. Several pedestrians step into the street, holding up Moses-like hands to part traffic.

For your safety and my sanity, I avoid Ottawa driving, and that goes double for Toronto. Fortunately, our cities' transit systems are united in Presto. For the first time outside Ottawa, I tap my trusty green card and get a bleep and a green screen admitting me to another city's subway. It feels like a secret handshake.

As both city councils work up next year's budget, they're wrestling with transit pricing. The TTC broke a years-long freeze with a fare hike this year. TTC chair Josh Colle is arguing to keep the Metropass at \$141.50 (OC Transpo's all-you-can ride pass is \$103.25) to keep transit affordable for the poorest. In Ottawa, fare increases are an annual inevitability, but staff are studying reduced fares for low-income riders. There's resistance to the cost of both proposals, but we not only have to thread motorists, pedestrians and cyclists through all our streets, but also avoid leaving people on the curb by pricing their transit ride out of reach.

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Let's hear it for the liberal arts

ANALYSIS

Justin Trudeau's arts education is part of his political appeal

Devon Scoble
Metro | Canada

Stephen Harper warned that Justin Trudeau — an English literature grad and former teacher — wasn't ready to be Prime Minister, but a Statistics Canada study released in April showed nearly a third of young humanities graduates are actually over-qualified for their jobs.

Overall, humanities grads earn less money and — according to a study by the Canadian Scholarship Trust Plan, or CST — less respect than their STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) contemporaries. In terms of both status and wealth, only fine arts majors bring in less.


Despite this, humanities subjects like English, history, philosophy and music remain a vibrant part of campus life, and the second-most popular majors at Canadian colleges and universities. (Business, management and public administration are most popular.) The humanities were once considered the cornerstone of education, and encouraging them is essential, says Martha Turner, VP of Marketing for the CST. Not only because they cre-

ate well-rounded graduates, but also because the future market demands a broad skill set.

"With a global economy emerging, you have to be able to work with teams all over the world," says Turner. "Empathy and teamwork are skills you could arguably learn in any discipline, but particularly in the humanities."

Justin Trudeau isn't your average humanities grad, and his climb to Canada's top post was fuelled as much by personal ambition, political connections, and — let's be real here — a fortuitous surname, as his appreciation for literature.

But now that he's scored the job, the skills he cultivated in his undergrad will be useful, says University of Toronto English Professor and novelist Robert McGill.



When I hear Justin Trudeau talking about his prioritization of listening to other people, I can't help but think that reading literature will have fostered his abilities in that regard.
University of Toronto English prof Robert McGill

McGill.

"A lot of people talk about what they call his emotional intelligence, and when I hear that, I think about the skill of sympathetic imagination," says McGill. "That's the term liter-

ary critics use to talk about an ability to enter into the life of another person with rigour and compassion."

Researchers at The New School in New York City found that studying literary fiction im-

proves a reader's capacity to empathize with others. The study, published in the October 2013 issue of *Science*, asked people to read fiction, literary fiction, nonfiction and nothing, then take a test where they were asked to infer other people's emotions. When participants read fiction and literary fiction, they scored significantly better on the tests.

"Novels are rather unique in getting us to listen to and identify with the lives of others and when I hear Justin Trudeau talking about his prioritization of listening to other people, I can't help but think that reading literature will have fostered his abilities in that regard," says McGill.

"And I think that aspect of him is part of his political appeal," he adds.

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Inside the world's fastest bike

It shot across a remote stretch of highway in Nevada like a white bullet. And it was only propelled by one man's legs.

Encased in a white carbon fibre shell, a speed bike designed by the Canadian engineering firm Aerovelo smashed the world record for the fastest human-powered vehicle at an international competition. Its top speed was 139.45 kilometres per hour.

They set the record on a high-altitude, enclosed 8-kilometre strip of road at the World Human Powered Speed Challenge in Battle Mountain, Nev. in mid-September.

Jun Nogami, an engineering professor at University of Toronto and the chief timekeeper at the event, was one of the few people in the audience that morning.

"Everybody was shocked except for Aerovelo because they are convinced they can go faster," he said.

"It was a strange feeling to be celebrating in the middle of the desert in Nevada and nobody else knowing what we're celebrating."

They beat the previous record, 133.78 km/h, by a little

more than 4 km/h. They then eclipsed their own time twice over the next two days.

The bike owes its speed to its sleek design and its rider, Todd Reichert, a 33 year-old U of T grad and co-founder of Aerovelo, who was once a national-level speed skater.

To reduce drag, the bike has a pair of front-facing cameras and screens for the driver.



Holy crap, this feels fast.

Todd Reichert,
Aerovelo co-founder

"It feels a bit like a video game," Reichert said in an interview from California, where he is for work.

And like any game, it takes practice. "The first time going over 100 in our testing, I thought 'Holy crap, this feels fast!'"

"To me now, 100 km/h feels slow," he added, with a laugh.

The bike's oval-shaped shell makes it 100 times more aero-

dynamic than even the most streamlined cars, according to its builders.

The wheels are 26 inches, like those on Olympic racing bikes, but they are covered to reduce drag.

Not for nothing, Aerovelo named their bike "Eta" after the Greek letter often used to symbolize efficiency in equations.

They began work on the bike in 2013, the same year they won a \$250,000 prize for designing a human-powered helicopter that can hover three metres for at least a minute.

Aerovelo grew out of a partnership between Reichert and fellow U of T grad Cameron Robertson while they were both members of the university's Human-Powered Vehicle Design Team.

Reichert already has his eyes on breaking their own record next year. Their next goal is 88 miles per hour (141.2 km/h) "because that's the speed of a human-powered time machine," he joked, referring to the velocity of Doc's Deorean in Back to the Future.

"We're a bunch of nerds here, ok?" TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



University of Toronto engineering grads and members of the Canadian firm Aerovelo designed a bike that broke the world speed record. COURTESY AEROVELO

PRINT

Magazine looks to new strategy

The New Year will usher in a new look on Canadian newsstands as the venerable fashion magazine Flare disappears from the racks and turns its focus towards targeting a younger demographic both online and offline.

Sales of single copies of printed magazines have fallen dramatically, forcing the industry to re-evaluate distribution and adapt, says Bo Sacks, president of the U.S.-based consulting firm Precision Media Group.

"In the last five years, we have lost 50 per cent of the newsstand sale. And that is a trend that's not going away," says Sacks.

"Every year, we seem to lose nine to 11 per cent of the sales we used to have before. This is a trend that seems inescapable. At what point does it plateau? I

have no idea. But it doesn't look like anytime soon."

Flare is currently averaging 1,800 copies sold on newsstands, which is less than 2.5 per cent of its total circulation, says Melissa Ahlstrand, group publisher for fashion and beauty at Rogers Communications Inc.



Flare is leaving newsstands in 2016. THE CANADIAN PRESS

"Essentially with those kinds of numbers on newsstands, we really had to take a good look at how we distribute our print copies. It's a very small quantity," Ahlstrand says, adding that Flare will still publish 10 print editions in 2016 for subscribers.

Ahlstrand says millennial readers aren't regular newsstand buyers, and in an effort to connect with "young, cool, smart women" they've decided to invest in another form of print distribution to reach that demographic: distributing over-run copies in urban centres.

"Where we may lose the visibility in newsstands — albeit small — we're actually gaining a lot more visibility through this alternative distribution."

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Don't be budget naughty or your new year won't be so nice

Gail Vaz-Oxlade
For Metro Canada



I was at dinner with friends last week when the topic turned to Christmas dinner. They always have me over and this year it's going to be on Dec. 27 because, with grown kids, carving out Christmas is less about the date and more about the time spent together. It takes a plan to work all the family dynamics into the holiday season.

Some people also find it challenging to get through their shopping without blowing their budgets or their minds. It's doesn't have to be hard. But you do have to exercise some discipline as you whip out your wallet and pay, pay, pay.

The easiest way to stay on track is to make a list. If your heart is bigger than your wallet, go over your list and decide who doesn't really need to be on there? Are there people to whom can you give a token gift to celebrate the season? Can you use Secret Santa so you don't have to buy for

your whole brood?

The very best gifts don't have to cost a penny. Offer up your time babysitting, cooking meals, house cleaning, massaging, sewing, knitting, transporting, or whatever else you're good at. Clip a picture of the service you'll provide and be clear on how often, as in "I'll babysit one weekend a month from February to June." Or better yet, make your own coupon book.

Retailers count on your oohs and ahhs while you're out shopping for your loves so make this rule: No self-gift while you're shopping. The one-for-you-one-for-me approach to holiday shopping is just an excuse to be self-indulgent. And it's a sure way to end up with a holiday hangover. If you see something you really like, put it on your own list for Santa.

Want to remove the temptation to over-shop? Shop with cash. So many people who whip out their plastic end up spending more than they planned and then get stuck paying the minimum payments. At 18 per cent interest, \$500 in holiday spending would take seven years to pay off and cost \$365

in interest. Ouch! As for opening up a new store credit cards to get that 10 per cent or 20 per cent off your purchase for the day, don't do it. Retailers must be making a packet on interest and late fees in order to offer those special deals. And if you're the sucker who ends up carrying a balance, you'll spend far more in interest than you saved on purchases. And, yes, opening and closing store cards can mess with your credit score.

Before tossing anything into your shopping cart ask yourself why you are buying it. Are you just fulfilling your duty to give a gift? Are you showing off? Are you trying to keep up? Or are you giving something you can afford and that your friend, sister, son or partner will truly enjoy receiving?

Your mom, dad or BFF aren't going to be happier that you put yourself in financial stress rather than giving them something that might be slightly less and within your means, if they really love you. If they are judging you on your pressie, then they don't really love you and you shouldn't be buying them anything!

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Cheap and frugal are not the same and this year's Credit Education Week Canada (CEWC) will focus on teaching Canadians the difference while raising awareness about the proper use of credit, money management and overall financial literacy.

"A lot of people make silly mistakes because they are being cheap and don't recognize the long-term repercussions of not spending wisely," says Laurie Campbell, the CEO of Credit Canada Debt Solutions, which, along with an array of financial, government and corporate sponsors, stages CEWC. "For example, being cheap is not putting snow tires on your car because you don't want to spend the money and then getting into an accident, which would end

up costing you a lot more than the snow tires.

"Frugality, meanwhile, is about being smart and fair with personal money management."

Part of Financial Literacy Month, CEWC takes place Nov. 9 to 13 and features presentations, workshops and special events across the country. In its ninth year, CEWC has grown and, says Campbell, promotes an important dialogue.

"We started with 10 events and are up to 200 now," she says of CEWC, which this year lists Capital One, OLG, Royal and TD banks, Yconic, BMO, Equifax, Harris and Partners Inc., MNP and The Oakman Group among its sponsors. "We've had thousands of students write essays and we have given out \$300,000 in

scholarships. It is really meeting our goals of awareness and putting resources and education into action. We try to ensure that we are spreading a very important message."

Beyond partaking in CEWC events, Campbell suggests Canadians continue to educate themselves by applying some of the tools shared on the CEWC website and actively seeking information on how to better manage their money and control spending habits.

"The week itself is to open people's eyes to what is available so that they can take it further and make it an important part of their life," she says. "Teaching financial literacy should really begin in high school. We know that it may be taught in some homes, but we

want to have consistency across the board. It is a very important skill that schools should be teaching. It takes a while to drill it into students and we need to start young."

To learn about CEWC events taking place in your area and to find useful budgeting resources, visit cewc.ca.

CEWC hosted a national essay-writing contest, asking Canadians to share their stories about how they conquered their credit issues. Read on to meet the three winners!

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Money mistakes of a shopaholic

Shopping is my greatest pleasure and my biggest vice. When I was in university and living on my own for the very first time, I suddenly became

bombarded with credit card offers through mail and campus advertisements.

I was drawn to the promise of instant funds to feed my shopping habit. I had to get my hands on those shiny plastic cards that would give me all the things a young woman could dream of with one swipe.

All of a sudden I absolutely had to have the spring break trip to Florida in the beach house, enough makeup to start my own mini Sephora store and the pink shaggy rug (a *huge* mistake!). Before I knew it, I had maxed out two credit cards and I had no idea how to pay it back. What's worse, my mother found out and was extremely disappointed in me.

I am still dealing with the repercussions of

FIRST PLACE
\$3,000

my money mistake. I had to deal with my outraged mother, lowered credit score and not being able to buy the things I actually needed. I fixed my

money mistake by writing down my financial goals and verbalizing them to my mother so she could hold me accountable.

I then created a budget each month and am doing my best to stick to it. I pay down more money than the minimum monthly balance on my credit card statement. I have managed to pay off one credit card and I am working on the second.

Most importantly, I have warned my younger sister who just started university to resist all the tempting offers for new credit cards that are sure to come her way until she has knowledge of how they actually work ... and to avoid purchasing any pink shaggy rugs under any circumstances.



Amanda Ali. CONTRIBUTED



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My biggest money mistake ever

Back in the early '90s, my boyfriend and I decided it was time to move our relationship to the next stage and move in together.

Like most young couples, we were in love and just wanted to be together. We hadn't given any thought or had any serious discussions about our financial situation. We were both working full time — we were in love — that's all that mattered, right? Well, it didn't take long before we found ourselves in serious debt. He had an outstanding loan and I was still paying a student loan.

He took on a second job at night to help pay down his loan and I worked overtime when possible. But it was not enough. Bills mounted and creditors started calling. I was getting overwhelmed and was looking for ways to pay my debts. We did not have anyone to help us out financially.

We didn't really even think of asking family for help. It was our problem and we would deal with it.

One day I read an advertisement in the local newspaper — there was a company willing to loan money without any credit checks, etc. It sounded like an answer to my prayers so I booked an appointment to speak with them. It was getting close to Christmas so I was hoping to obtain a small loan to pay some debt and also to buy some Christmas presents.

SECOND PLACE \$2,000

The people working at the loan company were very nice. I filled out the papers and I had my sister co-sign on the agreement. But I would have to pay \$250 for them to put my loan application in place. It was difficult for me to get \$250 to pay them, but I did it. The loan person was quite sure a loan would be secured. I was hoping to get \$5,000.

Well, days went by and no offer was made. I called my loan person every second day. Probably on my fifth call to her I realized — “there was never going to be a loan.” I had been scammed! When she took my \$250 she probably new at the time there would be no loan. I had no collateral and a bad credit history.

This is my biggest money mistake. It was a hard lesson to learn. It took a long time, but we finally got our finances in order. The most important lesson I learned was to talk to my partner about money issues and learn to budget. I also learned there's no easy way out of paying off debt.

There are unscrupulous loan sharks out there willing to take your money with bogus offers. Beware.



Kathie Mackie. CONTRIBUTED



Sarah Van Goethem. CONTRIBUTED

Money mistake: The farmhouse fail

“Don't make any sudden changes while grieving.”

That's the rule.

So your husband passes away at age 30. Thank goodness you had insurance on the mortgage. So the house is paid off. Problem: You hate the house now.

Solve your problem by purchasing a whopping farmhouse out in the country with the life insurance money. Congratulations to you.

Oh, and by the way, along with that picturesque farmhouse dream you bought into, you also bought an ancient oil furnace, 100-year-old windows, an army of mice, a shop you won't use, two acres of grass to cut, and some knob and tube wiring.

What? You have anxiety attacks now?

Your realtor thinks you are crazy when you tell her you hate it and are going to sell again. Heck, everyone thinks you are crazy. Deranged widow/single mom of three spends all life insurance money

THIRD PLACE \$1,000

on old, gargantuan, drafty farmhouse. You are the poster child for what not to do when grieving.

Funny thing: To fix your problem you are going to spend more money. New windows and doors, new furnace, new wiring, paint, and a riding lawnmower to cut all that damn grass. And tons of mouse traps.

And you offer up your house for the local Christmas house tours. It gets professionally decorated for the holidays and the whole community comes in and oohs and aahhs.

You wait for the market to pick up and in the spring you list it. BAM. This house is staged and spotless.

The offer comes in. Just where you need it to be.

Your realtor (the one you are making rich off commission) says most people can never turn around and sell that fast and not lose money.

But you did. Or rather I did.



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Riders rally to stun Montreal

CFL

Saskatchewan spoils starting debut of Als' Canadian QB

Brett Smith came off the bench in the fourth quarter to lead the Saskatchewan Roughriders to a 30-24 overtime victory over the Montreal Alouettes in the CFL regular season finale on Sunday afternoon. The Roughriders trailed 24-6 early in the fourth quarter when Smith came in and threw touchdown strikes to Ryan Smith and Weston Dressler, as well as a two-point convert.

A botched Montreal play saw John Chick recover a fumble and Smith led a drive that ended with Tyler Crapigna tying the game 24-24 with a 39-yard field goal with eight seconds left on the clock. Smith hit Dressler with a TD pass in overtime, while Montreal failed to score.

The result spoiled an impressive day for Montreal's Canadian quarterback Brandon Bridge, who threw TD passes to Tyrell Sutton and B.J. Cunningham. Anthony Boone also ran in a score while Boris Bede had a field goal.

Bridge was the first Canadian to start a CFL game since Giulio Caravatta for British Columbia in 1996. The Mississauga, Ont., product fell short of becoming the first Canadian to start and win a game since Calgary's Greg



Alouettes' Billy Parker, bottom, up-ends Roughriders' Seydou Junior Haidara during first half on Sunday. GRAHAM HUGHES/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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RESULTS

Friday

Argonauts 21, Bombers 11

Saturday

Redblacks 44, Ticats 28

Stampeders 28, Lions 7

Vavra in 1985.

The Alouettes (6-12) and the Roughriders (3-15) did not make

the playoffs and used many backups and young players. Both team's had quarterbacks making a first CFL start, and each had a drive into scoring position nullified by a fumble.

Bridge took Montreal to the Saskatchewan one-yard line on the first possession of the game. Backup Anthony Boone ran in the TD. Riders starter Keith Price answered with a 32-yard strike to Ryan Smith

SUNDAY in Montreal

30

24

RIDERS

ALOUETTES

on the final play of the first quarter. Both QBs struggled in the second quarter until Bridge hit Cody Hoffman with a 42-yard toss to set up a dump

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REDBLACKS

Six of the best from record-breaker Burris as Ottawa clinches top spot

Veteran Henry Burris never doubted his ability, despite age not being on his side at this point in his career.

Burris threw for six touchdowns and set a single-season record for completions and the Ottawa Redblacks clinched first place in the East Division with a 44-28 win over the Hamilton Tiger-Cats on Saturday.

Burris finished the day with 28 pass completions to give him 481 on the season. It broke the old record of 479 set by Ricky Ray with the Edmonton Eskimos back in 2005.

"I've always felt in my heart that I still have it," said the 40-year old pivot.

Ottawa's Greg Ellingson

caught three touchdown passes from his quarterback. Burris set the record with a 10-yard touchdown pass to Brad Sinopoli early in the fourth quarter to give the Redblacks a 37-26 lead. He then added to the record on his first pass of the next Ottawa series, connecting with Ellingson for a 43-yard gain.

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Henry Burris

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pass that Sutton ran in from the 10 with 35 seconds left in the half. It was Bridge's first career TD pass.

Montreal's first possession of the second led to a Bede field goal. Bridge's play of the game came 20 seconds into the fourth quarter, when he scrambled away from the rush and hit Cunningham in the end zone with a 48-yard pass.

Brett Smith came on and shredded the Montreal defence on consecutive drives, firing a 40-yard score to Ryan Smith, picking up the two-point convert, and finding Dressler with a nine-yard scoring toss.

Montreal rush end John Bowman had two sacks, including his team record 100th in his career, and a league-leading 18 in 16 games this season.

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IN BRIEF

Columbus' Kamara ends Montreal's MLS season

Columbus Crew's star striker Kei Kamara scored in extra time Sunday in Ohio to end the Montreal Impact's remarkable MLS season.

Ethan Finlay fed substitute Cedrick Mabwati, whose exquisite cross found the head of Kamara for his second goal of the night. The 11th-minute goal broke Montreal hearts, giving Columbus a 3-1 win on the night and 4-3 victory on aggregate in the Eastern Conference semi-final. Ignacio Patti had a chance to score for Montreal late in extra time but was off the mark. Montreal had won the first leg of the series 2-1.

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Raptors unable to take Heat as Miami runs riot

Chris Bosh scored 23 points, Hassan Whiteside added 20 points and 11 rebounds, and the Miami Heat rolled in the second half to beat the Toronto Raptors 96-76 on Sunday.

Dwyane Wade scored 12 and Tyler Johnson added 10 for Miami, which out-scored the Raptors 30-16 in the third and then put the game away with an 18-3 run in the fourth.

Jonas Valanciunas scored 17 for Toronto, which got 16 from DeMar DeRozan and 15 from Kyle Lowry. The Raptors lost for the 11th time in their last 12 trips to Miami.

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NFL

Watkins shines as Bills sink Dolphins

SUNDAY in Orchard Park

33

17

BILLS


DOLPHINS

Receiver Sammy Watkins shook off a nagging ankle injury — and his critics.

Watkins had a career-best performance in leading the Buffalo Bills to a 33-17 win over the Miami Dolphins on Sunday. He made eight catches for 168 yards and a 44-yard touchdown that broke open the game late in the third quarter. Rookie running back Karlos Williams scored twice and LeSean McCoy also scored on a 48-yard run.

Buffalo (4-4), coming out of its bye week, snapped a two-game skid and won for the first time in four home games.

The Dolphins (3-5) con-



NHL DEVILS HAND CANUCKS THIRD STRAIGHT DEFEAT

Vancouver winger Alexandre Burrows, right, and Devils defenseman Andy Greene collide on the boards Sunday. New Jersey earned a 4-3 OT victory. For more NHL results visit metronews.

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RECIPE Broccoli and Cheese Soup



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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada



- 1 cup grated cheddar
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan
- Salt and pepper to taste

Directions

1. Sauté onion and garlic in a dutch oven or other large, heavy-bottomed pot for about 5 minutes until soft.
2. Add vegetables and stock and allow to simmer for about 20 minutes until the vegetables are tender.
3. In small batches, ladle the broth and vegetables into your blender and puree. Pour each batch into a bowl as you go. Pour the puree back into your pot.
4. Over medium heat add milk and cheese and stir until the cheese melts. Add salt and pepper to taste. Serve with crusty bread.

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Cook time: 35 minutes

Serves 4

Ingredients

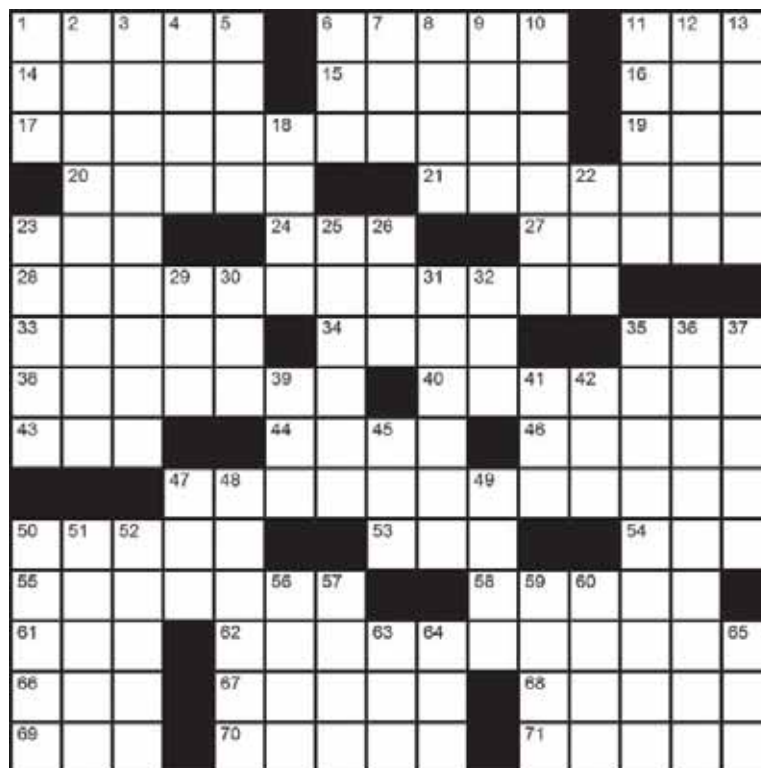
- 4 cups broccoli florets and stem (just cut off the toughest bit at the end) chopped fairly
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 2 cups chopped, peeled potato
- 2 cloves garlic minced
- 1 plug olive oil
- 4 cups low sodium vegetable or chicken stock
- 1 1/2 cups milk

CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

ACROSS

1. Lyricist, __ Hammerstein II
6. Roman hearth goddess
11. Neutral tone
14. Donald Trump's second wife Ms. Maples
15. Canadian retail family
16. Gingery quip
17. Restaurant buffet covering
19. Hawaiian dish
20. "How I Met Your Mother" narrator Bob
21. Honking
23. Approx.
24. Grand __ (Wine classification)
27. Bellow from a fellow on the seas!
28. Andrew __ (Host of #62-Across who is from St. John's, Newfoundland)
33. Filles __ (French for 'King's Daughters' as per the young women King Louis XIV sponsored to settle in New France)
34. __ a soul
35. __ culpa!
38. History Channel's " __ Truckers"
40. Winning: 3 wds.
43. ' __ for Excellence
44. Duck variety
46. Grease again
47. Igloo construction materials: 3 wds.
50. Plentiful purchasing period
53. Cartoon-style shriek!
54. Shortened path



55. "Love in the Time of __" (2007) starring Javier Bardem
58. "Murphy Brown" house painter
61. Mr. Orbison
62. Discovery Channel series, "Canada's __"
66. Time-saver's abbr.

67. Flying-over-Quebec plane
68. "Look at all the __ picked!" (Exclamation heard in an orchard)
69. Heartache
70. Bread ingredient
71. Norwegian ...in Norwegian

DOWN

1. Meditation syllables
2. French for 'without worry': 2 wds.
3. Planet inhabitants
4. Shake __ (Hurry)
5. Bulldoze
6. Eggplant, e.g.
7. H2O: French

8. Pierce
9. Split
10. Of a South American mountain chain
11. Fleishy-snouted animal
12. Beside
13. Barnyard noise
18. Engrave
22. Phone's 'pen' pal
23. Singer Ms. Gorme
25. "It's Like That" rappers
26. Can. neighbour
29. And not
30. Acqua Di __ (Armani fragrance)
31. Check out the merchandise
32. Ms. Rand
35. "Breakfast at Tiffany's" (1961) song: 2 wds.
36. Robert Stack's character on 1959 to 1963 crime series "The Untouchables": 2 wds.
37. " __ are saying is give peace a chance." - John Lennon
39. Volcano in Japan, Mount __
41. Hound's howdy!
42. Home [abbr.]
45. __ Crater, in Maui in Hawaii
47. "The Fresh Prince of __ Air"
48. Allowance
49. Sanctioned, cute-style
50. Twisted-in fastener
51. Camera's creation
52. Rolls-__ Motor Cars
56. Drift
57. Soprano's time to shine
59. Scientology founder, __ Hubbard
60. "The Flintstones" pet
63. HELP!
64. Tunnel creation need
65. Canadian rocker Mr. Emmett

★ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
Don't get uptight if someone you deal with refuses to see sense today. You may have more than enough evidence to convince them that they are wrong but some people can be ridiculously stubborn. Let it go.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
If someone offers to help you out, think carefully before taking them up on the offer. There will be strings attached and you could end up paying more than expected.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Limit the number of things you work on as the new week begins. You may be eager to make an impression but don't let your enthusiasm get the better of you. There's no rush.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Try not to dwell on your mistakes. What happens over the next few days, especially when the moon is new on Wednesday, will help you make a success of your endeavors.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Chances are you will refuse to see any point of view but your own today and that could put a friendship at risk. Try to understand that what is right for you may not be right for someone else.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Adjust your aims and ambitions as events over which you have no control throw you off course. It might be annoying in the short-term but in the long-term it will be good for you.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You seem to be finding it harder than usual to believe in yourself. Reconsider plans that you made to travel or socialize because you really need to spend some time by yourself now.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Something you thought you could cope with will get completely out of control. Get help from people who know what they are doing. Clearly, you do not!

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
One-to-one relationships are about to go through a rather delicate phase but the good news is it won't last for long and nothing bad will come of it. The approaching new moon means you need to feel more and think less.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You will find yourself under a lot of pressure as the new week begins. You are going to have to stand up for yourself and let people know that you will not be taken advantage of.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Something of a creative nature that you have been working on will hit a wall today or tomorrow and you may be tempted to give up on it. That would be a big mistake.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
You may not be the life and soul of the party at the moment but give it time. The approaching new moon is already making you feel more adventurous and come Wednesday you will be your happy, upbeat self again.

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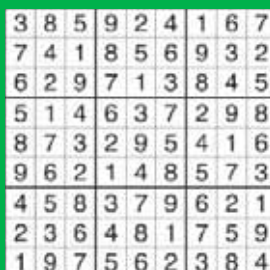


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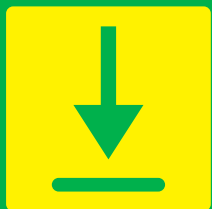
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